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ICHEBERG Operations

Review of Burials as outlined in
Kapoks NAVA-1966 and 2042 and
other discussions

1. The primary purpose of our last visit to the Vienna Station (November 18-26) was to review the progress of the Iceberg Operations as contained in the reference memoranda as well as to assign "Iceberg project names" to the completed individual burials. [] is forwarding the report prepared in conjunction with this directly from Vienna. As a result of this, []'s burials will be referred to as "Iceberg/Able", etc.

2. We did not appear on the distribution of the above memoranda covering the caches. We believe that certain information on the burials themselves should be in our possession. We have received some preliminary data on the first cache (see MSK-W-271), so we now ask your specific permission to include the greater portion of the cited references in our files. Please advise so we can have the desired paragraphs copied and forwarded us.

Reference
3. [] We have been told by [] that [] recently checked the burial status of his first (?) set and found the set to be partially rusted. No attempt was made to check its electrical condition. We understood that it was reburied. We are aware of the critical supply problem posed by burials. You recall we have requested your assistance in preparing a proper sort of cache (MSK-A-246), paragraph 2D & G) that would likely be preserved notwithstanding bad burial conditions. We repeat our great need for technical advice along these lines. Our great difficulty lies in that sets must be delivered to operational areas sans bulky wrapping and "canning" so to speak. This precludes our doing the final processing of the sets--we can only waterproof. We regretted to learn about []'s comments on the non-waterproofing of sets delivered this

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station in May. We have asked that copies of this report be forwarded us for possible remedial action. We believe that it may be necessary to replace certain Iceberg caches with new equipment, waterproofed and adequately protected against underground elements.

4. We read memorandum MAV-W-817 while at Vienna and comment on it briefly in this report. [] indicated that [] had been residing in Vienna for one year now and that as a matter of fact it is his home and his point of operation, should activation of his circuit take place. We believe that he should be given his plan also. (We are microfilming both plans at present and will distribute them in their miniature form). [] indicated he would request permission to do so soonest. We doubt whether the suggestions contained in paragraph 5 of this reference can be carried out. However, [] and [] are better equipped to determine the feasibility of such "drill". We still maintain that the operators in question should be given a yearly check so as to make sure their training has not been in vain. We inferred from our last visit to Vienna that the policy of attaching radio operators to an intelligence chain has disadvantages (premature compromise of chain) under present operating conditions. The "lone wolf" independent operator seems to be the best. If hostilities should commence the operator would be cemented to a "chain" via letter-boxes or a system of cut-outs.

5. We delivered 4 SSTR-1 radio sets to Salzburg with instructions that they be held pending the acquisition of proper burial places and stay-behind operators. In discussions with [], we learned that several potential operators are known to him. Checks on these individuals will be initiated soonest. These stay-behind potentialities will of course be part of the Iceberg operation itself. Two hand-crank generators were taken to Vienna, one each for [] and []. (As each Iceberg operator is trained, he will be issued such an auxiliary power supply).

6. A third operator for the Vienna area has been approved for training, [] by name. We have indicated to Vienna that his training will be undertaken in the middle of January. When he has satisfactorily completed his radio course, he will be "connected" with a buried radio set, much in the same manner as [] was introduced to his equipment.

7. The last aspect of discussions on the Iceberg operation had to do with the exploration of mountain retreats as possible cache areas for radio equipment of higher wattage output than the SSTR-1. This is more or less a follow-up of []'s suggestion (see NAVF 1665 48-4 Aug 48), but with the exclusion of [] and other operators from the present plan. [] and [] will undertake a survey of Alpine areas in the U. S., French and British Zones which may be available to us. They indicated that results may not be forthcoming for at least six months. However, no equipment will be disposed unless

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your specific approval is given in each instance. From a technical standpoint, we intend to achieve a cache with VANITY type equipment for activation in wartime only. This will be a better assurance of reaching our wartime base than that presented by the SSTR-1 in its present form. Operators would be recruited for this type set-up as soon as deemed feasible.

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